

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 6:00 PM, at the Civic Center, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

- Present:**
- City Council:
 - Norm Searle, Mayor
 - Don Hunt, Councilor
 - Braden Mitchell, Councilor- participated via conference call
 - Brent Ellis, Councilor
 - Gary E. Griffiths, Councilor
 - Michael Staten, Councilor

 - City Employees:
 - Rodger Worthen, City Administrator
 - Steve Brooks, City Attorney
 - Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
 - Jackie Manning, City Recorder
 - Dave Hansen, Fire Chief
 - Lynn Fortie, Business Administrator

 - Visitors:
 - Charles Kerkvliet
 - Krystin Hinojosa
 - Members of Fire Department
 - Dave Leahy
 - Jason Hinojosa
 - Dee Hansen
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 - Jared Sholly

A. Welcome and Roll Call

Mayor Searle called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, including all Council Members and all members of the public. Councilor Mitchell participated via conference call.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Searle invited Councilor Hunt to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Moment of Silence

Mayor Searle called for a moment of silence and asked everyone to remember our police officers, fire fighters, U.S. Military service members, and members of the City Council as they make decision this evening.

D. Open Communications

Mayor Searle invited any member of the public with questions or concerns to address the Council and asked that they keep their comments to approximately three minutes.

Dave Messina 1061 West 4400 South, Riverdale referred to the active transportation plan in Riverdale, such as, the dedicated bike lanes and the upcoming highway bridge for pedestrian access. He expressed love for Riverdale the opportunity the community provides to being active.

Mr. Messina expressed concern regarding safety on 4400 South. He expressed concerns regarding the speed limit and vehicles exceeding the speed limit. He expressed concerns regarding vehicles not stopping and yielding to pedestrians at cross walks. He stated on multiple occasions he would step into the road as a way to stop traffic, to allow him to cross the street.

Mr. Messina stated he received a text message from his wife earlier in the day regarding an incident where a driver was turning left as his wife and children were crossing the street and the driver nearly hit his family. Mr. Messina referred to studies that discusses how the traveling speed of a vehicle can mortally impact a pedestrian crossing the street. He referred to Utah Department of Public Safety for additional statistics.

Mr. Messina recommended the following changes to address the safety issues on 4400 South. First, reduce the speed limit to 30 miles per hour. Second, make drivers more aware of cross walks by raising islands in the roundabouts, flashing signs, large orange crossing flags, and "watch for pedestrians" signage.

There was a discussion regarding 4400 South with an emphasis on road studies relating to pedestrian safety. There was a general consensus to have the Risk Management Committee review the matter further, and specifically look into the possibility of LED crossing lights. There was a discussion regarding the varying speed limit changes on 4400 South and was noted the Council has received pressure and suggestions to both increase and reduce the speed limit on that road.

E. Presentations and Reports

1. Mayors Report

Mayor Searle stated the Riverdale Utah Military Academy is having a Harvest Festival on October 24, 2015. They will be hosting a 5K run at noon and will have other activities including, raffle tables, trunk or treating, and an Air Force Exhibit. This is a fundraiser for the school. More information may be found on their website www.utahmilitaryacademy.org. A representative of the school shared this information at a previous Council Meeting.

Mayor Searle discussed the process of updating the Veterans Memorial. New signs have been assembled and now display United States of America flag with the history displayed on the plaques. He thanked Mr. Leahy and Mr. Kerkvliet for all their hard work and efforts.

2. Administrative Reports

Mr. Worthen stated the Fire Department recently held their open house. He noted the September Anniversaries as seen in the packet. The Mayor presented the certificates and awards to those employees that have served 5, 10, 15, and 20 years. The Mayor Searle thanked the city staff for their service to the City.

Mr. Worthen discussed the financial report and noted the new businesses. There was a discussion regarding ambulance services and it was noted they have seen an increase in ambulance services. Mr. Fortie discussed the graphs on the financial reports.

F. Consent Items

1. Review of meeting minutes.

Mayor Searle asked for any changes to the meeting minutes for the Joint Strategic Planning Meeting that was held on September 29, 2015 and to the City Council Work Session & Regular Meeting held on October 6, 2015. There were no changes/corrections requested to the meeting minutes.

2. Appointment of new Fire Chief, per City Code 4-1-1.

Mr. Worthen discussed the interview process for the fire chief. He discussed the final interview involving a fire scenario in which Fire Chiefs from Roy and Weber County Fire District graded the decisions made in the fire scenario. Mr. Worthen introduced Jared Sholly and explained Mr. Sholly has extensive background and many years of experience in emergency response.

Mr. Sholly introduced his wife and son who were in attendance. He looks forward to working in Riverdale City and invited questions or comments. The Council welcomed Mr. Sholly to Riverdale City and expressed the importance of the fire department.

Mr. Sholly referred to an experience he had where a fire fighter lost his life, which in turn, became the driver for Mr. Sholly's passion for safety and the need for continuous training. His goal is to use leadership, training, and accountability to ensure the firefighters are prepared and safe.

MOTION: Councilor Staten moved to approve the consent items as presented. Councilor Ellis seconded the motion. There was no discussion regarding this motion and all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Discussion

1. Wasatch Front Regional Council Funding Program Announcement

Mayor Searle stated this was discussed in the last City Council meeting. The Council is reviewing projects in the community that would help improve transportation, so they may request funding through the Wasatch Front Regional Council Funding Program. He felt the suggestions should include the concerns expressed by the citizens for bikes and pedestrian safety. He reminded the Council the letter of intent is due October 29, 2015. Councilor Ellis felt there was a rising concern from pedestrians and would like to see this included in the letter of intent.

Mr. Worthen expressed the need to have a traffic calming policy to allow for proper implementation of lowering speed limits, adding pedestrian signs etc. There are circumstances in which a study would be necessary prior to any change in infrastructure or reducing speed limits.

Mr. Worthen discussed the bike lanes and road striping which helps allow better road sharing between vehicles, bikers, and pedestrians. Councilor Staten commented on 700 West and 4400 South which have created a friendlier more active space which encourages more activity among the residents.

Councilor Griffith inquired about including Ritter Drive in the letter of intent. He discussed the safety hazards of Ritter Drive and asked about implementing traffic calming measures to increase safety. Councilor Staten explained some of the funding available is for planning only. He discussed other venues that may be explored for infrastructure funding. Mayor Searle stated they attempted to apply for funds for Ritter Drive the prior year and their project did not get approved. It was estimated to be a 4 to 5 million dollar project. He recommended performing road study for Ritter Drive.

There was a discussion regarding South Weber Drive with an emphasis on mixed use path for the roads, or possibly

widening the road to include a bike lane. Councilor Staten discussed the possible option of having a joint application with South Weber to apply for funds for a mixed use path on South Weber Drive.

There was a general consensus to include pedestrian safety projects in the letter with an emphasis on cross-walk safety.

H. Action Items

1. Consideration of Resolution 2015-33 Justice Court Recertification.

Mr. Brooks summarized an executive summary that explained:

The state requires that every four years a Justice Court needs to be recertified. It is now time for our recertification. Mr. Brooks enclosed an opinion letter indicating that all of the state requirements are now being complied with in the Riverdale Justice Court and that the Court is fiscally sound.

All measures and procedures that are currently in-place are either equal to or exceed the minimum state requirements for recertification. The only issue remaining is if the City wishes to continue to provide this service to the public. The original reason for establishing a justice court was to provide to our citizens a venue to deal with legal matters here locally, rather than going to downtown Ogden to do the same thing. This reasoning still exists and does provide a great service to the community.

Mr. Brooks stated another concern would be the costs to the city. Although this should not be the main factor for or against a justice court, given the financial status of the Justice Court, I see no reason as to why the City would want to dispose of its court. Since FY2004, the Justice Court has consistently maintained a positive fiscal report annually. Although it does not "make" money for the city, it does not cost anything either. It is one of the few, if not only, city service that supports itself and does not rely on subsidies from the City (Drug Court, is not considered to be part of this recertification.) He recognized that there may be other incidental costs either directly or indirectly associated with a justice court, but Riverdale's Justice Court is still fiscally sound, more than pays for itself, and most importantly does provide an important service to our citizens.

Included in the packet is a resolution requesting recertification from the Judicial Council and giving an indication that the City is willing to continue meeting the state requirements.

Councilor Hunt felt this was a valuable service as well as the drug court. Councilor Griffith inquired about an evaluation regarding Judge Renstrom's salary. He felt the judge put forth a lot of effort and personal time to do the Justice Court and the Drug Court. Mr. Brooks informed the Council the Judges salary is based on a formula configured by the State of Utah. He stated the Justice Court and the Drug Court was included in the Judges salary at time of hire. Councilor Griffiths discussed the option of implementing the incentive program for the judge for his service for Drug Court. Mr. Brooks stated they may revisit the judges salary when they renew the budget if they desire.

MOTION: Councilor Hunt made a motion to approve resolution 2015-33, a resolution requesting the recertification of the Riverdale City Justice Court. Councilor Griffiths seconded the motion.

Mayor Searle invited discussion regarding the motion. There was not a discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilor Ellis, Mitchell, Staten, Hunt, Griffiths all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Discretionary Items

Councilor Staten reported on the participation of the Mobile Active Transportation Tour and noted it was one of the highest attendance of this tour. The survey results were informative and very complimentary. He thanked the Council for their support.

J. Adjournment

MOTION: Having no further business to discuss, Councilor Ellis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hunt; all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM

Norm Searle, Mayor

Jackie Manning, Admin Professional